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Walter Fitzwilliam Starkie, authority on Irish Drama and Literature and author of many books on Gypsies and Spanish and Italian Literature will lecture twice at The Cleveland Museum of Art. He will speak Friday January 30 at 8:15 p.m. on THE UNIVERSALITY OF DON QUIXOTE and on Sunday February 1 at 3:30 p.m. on THE ROAD TO SANTIAGO.

Starkie was born in Ireland and attended Trinity College. He is a member of the Royal Irish Academy and the Royal Spanish Academy. He is a former Music Critic for THE IRISH STATESMAN and also directed for twenty years the Irish National Theater. He has made Gypsy pilgrimages through Italy, Spain and to North Africa. From 1940-1955 he was Director of the British Institute in Madrid.

Starkie has toured the United States on five occasions and was Visiting Professor at the Universities of Chicago and Texas.

He is the author of a number of books including JACINTO BENAVENTE AND MODERN SPANISH DRAMA, LUIGI PIRANDELLO AND THE MODERN MOVEMENT IN ITALIAN THEATER, THE DUKES OF ALBA, DON QUIXOTE BY CERVANTES and THE SPANISH AND THEIR HISTORY.

The lectures are open free to the public.